

KIBBEY'S HAND ON PORK BARREL

Governor Says the Edges Must Be Trimmed from Fat Appropriation Bill.

TERRITORIAL FAIR CUT OFF WITHOUT A SOUND

Sudden Fit of Economy in Legislature—Council Finds a Joker in Bill Which Would Invalidate Doran Bill.

Special to the Silver Belt.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 19.—The legislature might have accomplished a great deal more today but for the desire of the members to hurry forward bills which they were especially interested in. The time of the house until late in the afternoon was consumed in futile attempts to take up bills out of their regular order. Late in the day the house settled down to the calendar and some progress was made with measures to which there was little or no opposition. A desperate attempt was made, but in vain, to bring up on the floor the appropriation bill, that one providing for the improvements of territorial institutions. It is understood that the governor insists that it must be materially cut down. Those opposed to the reduction were trying to hold off consideration of the bill to the last moment in the hope that it might be forced through without printing. But at a late hour the bill was forced up and the slashing was begun, cutting off about \$50,000 of an aggregate of \$252,000.

Fair Is Cut Out

It had been understood that a general provision would be made for territorial fair improvements and in the course of the consideration of the bill \$50,000 was asked for. That sum was reduced by degrees and finally was stricken out altogether. The bill was recommended in this shape by the committee of the whole, but other changes will probably be made tomorrow. The general appropriation bill is being denounced on account of its extravagance. It provides for increase of the salaries of nearly all territorial officials, assistants, clerks and secretaries, and in some instances the salaries are nearly doubled.

Find Joker in Time

The council today discovered a joker in an apparently innocent bill which it is thought would have annulled the Doran act. The bill had been introduced by Mr. Doran himself by request. The dangerous feature of it was changing the definition of mining property to be "real estate." That was all, but on consideration of that it was believed to be enough to put the assessments of the mines under the regular assessment laws. The bill was suddenly laid on the table.

Among the bills passed by the house today were: One introduced by Murphy of Cochise, requiring a uniform system of mine signals in the territory; the bill putting clerks of the district court on salary; the bill reducing the emoluments of clerks of Maricopa and Cochise county by one-half; the bill for the protection of livery stable keepers, though a part of the bill had been defeated in the council. The bill for taxing Pullman cars was laid on the table, also the bill further increasing the salaries of county recorders in counties of the first class.

Council Passes a Few

The council passed the militia bill passed by the house the day before, also the house bill for the establishment of special road districts; the house bill providing for increased compensation of deputy assessors and the bill providing for the surrender of rights to a toll road as the right of way for a branch railroad were also passed.

Tonight a grand banquet was tendered the members of the legislature at the Hotel Adams.

NICARAGUA HAD PROMISED LOOT

Proclamation Found on Captured Soldiers—American Property in Jeopardy

By Associated Press.

PUERTO CORTES, Honduras, via San Antonio, March 19.—A turn of sinister significance was given to the Central American war today by the finding on the persons of captured Nicaraguan soldiers proclamations promising them loot from the first cities which they can capture in both Honduras and Salvador. Americans in Puerto Cortes are anxious because American residents are the principal property holders of most of the Honduras cities.

Any doubt as to the completeness of such loot is dispelled not only by the wording of the proclamation but by the experience had in 1894, by some of the persons now living at Puerto Cortes who were present at the looting of Cholutec, Honduras, when Nicaraguan soldiers, aided by about two hundred of their women, pillaged every house but one in the town. The worst feature of the looting of Cholutec, which the proclamation recalls, was the indignities offered both to women and to helpless persons.

Drafts Men in Honduras

By Associated Press.

MORILE, Ala., March 19.—The steamer Mercator arrived today from Puerto Cortes, Honduras, four days out, and reports that within the past two weeks the Honduras government has conscripted all the men at that place.

TRAINMEN TURN DOWN OFFER OF RAILWAYS

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, March 19.—The trainmen and conductors on all railroad lines west of Chicago have rejected the recent offer of the general managers for an increase in wages, according to a dispatch to the Record-Herald. Official canvasses of the referendum vote which has been in progress for a fortnight, will begin tomorrow.

It is stated further that the trainmen have voted to strike if the demands are not granted. The managers have already offered to submit the entire controversy to arbitration but it is stated that the proposition has been rejected by the voting members of the unions. The offer which the men are said to have rejected was for an increase of 10 per cent.

FAILURE RUMORS AFFECT MARKET

Reports of Embarrassed Brokers Cause Slump in Market, Which Rallies

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Heavy selling of stocks in the first hour, of which the bears took prompt advantage, followed by persistent rumors that one or more stock exchange houses were embarrassed by losses sustained in the last few days, combined today to make the stock market sensitive and feverish all through the day. Losses on the slump during the opening hour ranged from four to seven points, Union Pacific leading the list with a loss of \$7.25, Great Northern preferred, Smelting, Reading and St. Paul suffering losses of five points and upwards and Northern Pacific four and a half.

A reaction followed in which a part of the early losses was made up, but the market continued weak and alternate periods of decline and reaction followed during the rest of the day. Alarming reports as to the stability of two unnamed commission houses contributed largely to the condition and prices were extremely irregular; some of the active stocks showing pronounced gains, while at the same time others recorded sharp losses.

The passage of delivery hour at 2:15 p. m. without any announcement of failures restored some confidence and this, with active covering, caused a violent rebound in the last hour, when many of the active stocks regained their opening level. At the close there was a very sharp recession from the rally.

The Weather

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Forecast for Arizona: Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

COMSTOCK MINE BEING FLOODED

Water Rising at Rate of Ten Feet an Hour—Power Loaned Mine Darkens Reno

By Associated Press.

RENO, Nev., March 19.—Water in the Comstock mines at Virginia City threatens to flood the lower levels, as it is rising at a rate of ten feet an hour. To save them the electric company, which is short of power owing to the Truckee flood, has notified Reno residents and the street car company that no light or power for cars will be furnished until tomorrow noon.

Carson, too, is in darkness and the power thus gained is being used on the Comstock pumps.

BATTLESHIP EXPLOSION DUE TO POOR POWDER

By Associated Press.

TOULON, France, March 19.—The court of inquiry appointed to determine the cause of the explosion March 12 on board the battleship Iena, decided today that the disaster was caused by a spontaneous combustion of "B" powder due to decomposition and the elevation of temperature in the magazine. It was stated that the powder is very unstable and has caused previous accidents.

Count Lamsdorf Dead

By Associated Press.

SAN REMO, Italy, March 19.—Count Vladimir Lamsdorf, former Russian minister of foreign affairs, died here this evening. Paul Lamsdorf, a nephew of the deceased statesman, representing the Lamsdorf family, was present at his uncle's death.

MELLEN GOES TO CONSULT SPHINX

Railroad President Talks to the President Yesterday, But Neither Talks to the Public.

ROOSEVELT REFUSES TO TELL ATTITUDE

What Conclusions He Arrives at Will Be Made Known Through a Speech or Message to the Next Congress.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The interview between Roosevelt and Charles S. Mellen, president of the Hartford Railroad, recently arranged for the purpose of discussing the railroad situation, took place at the White House today. It lasted not more than thirty-five minutes. No statement of the questions discussed was made at the White House and Mellen declined to talk.

Mellen said that he did not expect to again visit the White House for a conference with the president unless he was sent for.

Morgan Arranged Visit

Mellen's visit was the outcome of a call made at the White House last week by J. Pierpont Morgan, who came at the request of many business men to discuss the present business situation, particularly as regarding railroads. The visit of Mellen followed the conference he had several days ago with Presidents McCrea, Newman and Hightitt of the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Chicago & Northwestern railroads respectively.

These four were the names suggested by Mr. Morgan to the president. It is not known at the White House whether McCrea, Newman and Hightitt will visit Roosevelt. The president will see them if they come.

Many Have Called

During the past three weeks Roosevelt has had visits from a half dozen well known financiers and railroad men, with all whom he has discussed various phases of the railroad situation. These include Morgan, James Speyer of New York, President Stickney of the Chicago & Great Western; B. F. Yoakum of the Rock Island; E. H. Harriman of the Union Pacific, and Mr. Mellen of the Hartford. All these gentlemen have made specific recommendations incorporating their ideas on the question of whether the president should recommend additional railway legislation, and most of them have urged him to make a statement defining his attitude in explicit terms, with a view of allaying public apprehension.

Refers Callers to Speeches

Generally there has been but little approach to unanimity in these recommendations. He has referred his callers who want information as to his attitude to his public declarations on this general subject and has told them that he means to be consistent with what he has already said.

The president says frankly that he is learning all he can regarding the railroad situation and that he intends to continue to consult with railroad people and others on the subject. It is understood that he is making inquiries on some points pertaining to federal supervision or control of railroads, to the question of an appraisal of the physical conditions of such properties and to the matter of issue of various forms of indebtedness.

As to the last named, he regards it as perfectly proper and sees no objection to a proper issue of obligations for equipment of terminals and betterments but he thinks there should be a careful scrutiny to see that stocks and bonds are issued for such purposes.

The president has not reached any final determination as to whether to make any recommendations to congress for legislation on any of these matters.

Cannot Tell Policy

The president has made it plain to callers that he cannot be expected to outline his policy in informal talks with them and that inferences as to his attitude must not be drawn from what he says in these casual talks.

When he has made up his mind and is ready to tell the public just what his attitude is on particular questions and specifically on the railroad issue he will do so in a speech or message to congress. Some expressions from him are expected on the railroad question during the next few months. The president is scheduled to make four speeches between now and the middle of June and it is expected that he will have something to say on the railroad question in one of these speeches.

STREET RAILWAY AT BUTTE TIED UP TIGHT

By Associated Press.

BUTTE, Mont., March 19.—The offices of the street railway company are deserted tonight and it looks like a long and determined fight between the company and the workmen, the latter being responsible for the tieup of the road. All kinds of conveyances were in use on the streets today and cab, trans-

for companies and hack drivers did a flourishing business. For the benefit of people living in Walkerville, Canterville and Mendocville, stages were run at frequent intervals and were well patronized.

Manager Wharton of the street railway company states that the tieup will continue until the striking employees are tired out and conclude to go to work at the old scale of \$3 per day.

CHICAGO GRAND JURY PROBES BANK FAILURE

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, March 19.—The federal grand jury was impaneled today which will investigate the incidents occurring since March 3, 1905, connected with the failure of the Chicago National bank. The jurors were charged particularly in regard to the violation of the banking law in relation to the misappropriation of funds of national banks and the making of false records.

NEW MEXICO RANCHERS INDULGE IN A FEUD

By Associated Press.

EL PASO, Texas, March 19.—Another bloody chapter was added to the ranch feuds in New Mexico today, when a pitched battle occurred fifteen miles from Alamogordo between Oliver Lee, four men on one side and James D. Fenimore and three men, in which many shots were exchanged.

Fenimore was dangerously wounded. Several serious battles recently occurred in that section of New Mexico between ranchmen and others are daily expected.

BOILERMAKERS TO HARRIMAN

Believed that They Have Issued Ultimatum—Have Conference at Lorain, Ohio

By Associated Press.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 19.—A meeting of the executive board of the International Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders was held at Lorain, Ohio, this afternoon and after the meeting a report was given currency that the committee had issued an ultimatum to E. H. Harriman and associate members of the Harriman lines. The parties to the conference today were G. F. Dunn of Kansas City, president; J. A. Franklin of Kansas City, first vice president; Louis Weyand, Cleveland, second vice president; J. J. Golvin, Indianapolis, third vice president; Ed H. Grant, Sparks, Nev.; J. H. Donney, Chicago; James Spear, Boston, and William Kellas, New Haven, Conn.

President Dunn is quoted as saying that a strike of boilermakers on the Harriman lines would be called within forty-eight hours in event of favorable action not being taken between now and that time on demands made some time ago by employees of the Chicago & Alton, which are still pending. Members of the executive committee which met at Lorain, where a strike is in progress at the shipyards, left the city tonight for Cleveland, and, according to reports, it has been impossible so far to obtain an authoritative statement of the situation.

No Demand Made

NEW YORK, March 19.—As far as could be learned in this city tonight, no formal demand has been made by the boiler makers on the Chicago & Alton upon the executive officers of that road. E. H. Harriman was informed tonight of the reported action of the executive board of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers at Cleveland today, but he said he had heard nothing about it.

A representative of other than the Harriman lines stated that he understood there was talk of a request being made by the boiler makers and iron ship builders in several towns for an advance in wages and shorter hours, but so far as he knew, no formal demand had been made.

HOMES OF JEWS ARE DESTROYED

Anti-Semitic Outbreaks in Roumania Cause Exodus of Jews into Austria

By Associated Press.

VIENNA, Austria, March 19.—According to a telegram received from Czernowitz, an Austrian town close to the boundary of Roumania, advices have been received there from the Austrian frontier police stationed at Itzkan and Suczawa that the anti-Jewish outbreak in Roumania is assuming serious proportions. At Burduszeni, peasants have attacked Jews, who are fleeing over the frontier at Itzkan, and about 2,000 fugitives, mostly women and children, have already crossed the frontier.

Other reports declare that further serious disturbances have occurred at Botosani, where the peasants have set fire to the houses of Jews. As a result almost the entire town is in flames. The Hebrew Alliance of Vienna is preparing to take care of the Roumanian fugitives.

MANY TRUE BILLS EXPECTED TODAY

San Francisco Grand Jury May Return Over a Half Hundred Indictments for Grafters.

AFTER THE BIG ONES NOW, SAYS LANGDON

Grand Jury Investigates Granting of Franchise to Telephone Company When Others Had Made Lower Bids.

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 19.—Contrary to general expectations, the grand jury after a three hours session this afternoon adjourned until tomorrow without reporting an indictment. District Attorney Langdon and Detective Burns both stated that when the grand jury meets tomorrow it will be for the purpose of finding indictments and reporting them to the presiding judge of the superior court. Langdon is authority for the statement that the failure to return indictments today is due to a delay in preparing formal papers, on which Langdon's office was engaged all day. It is said that between fifty and sixty indictments will be returned when the grand jury reports tomorrow.

Wholesale Bribery

Following sensational disclosures of wholesale bribery by public service corporations in the grand jury room last night by members of the board of supervisors, today's session of the inquisitorial body was devoid of any startling developments. W. J. Phillips, division manager of the Pacific State Telephone & Telegraph company; W. E. Eaton, secretary and treasurer of the same company; Ferdinand Butterfield, representative of the Independent Telephone company, and Hugo Asher, attorney for the latter company, were examined today. From these it was gathered that the grand jury was completing an investigation of the granting of a franchise to the Home Telephone company for \$25,000, when Butterfield had put in his bid for the Independent Telephone company at 10 per cent less. Butterfield asserted that the franchise was worth a million.

After Big Fellows

In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press today, Langdon stated that the prosecution was after the "big fellows"—the bribe-givers—and declared that indictments that had been returned have not been seriously regarded, but merely intended to "stalk the game."

It is reported tonight that Abraham Ruef was not being allowed communication with friends by Elisor Biggy. When seen by an Associated Press representative at the St. Francis hotel, Ruef stated that it was at his own request that all visitors were denied admittance to him because he was engaged with his attorneys. Ruef declined to make any statement.

Deny Bribery

Thornwall Mullaly, assistant to the president of the United Railways, and Henry T. Scott, president of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, gave out statements denying that their companies had bribed any supervisors to get favors. Nearly all the supervisors that were interviewed also denied that they had made confessions of bribery to the grand jury.

Supervisor W. S. Sanderson was not summoned before the grand jury today.

Peasants Killed in Riot

By Associated Press.

BUCHAREST, Roumania, March 19.—Reports from Botosani say that during rioting there March 17 four peasants were killed and two soldiers mortally wounded.

JEROME DELAYS CLOSE OF TRIAL

Possible that Defense Will Call Evelyn Thaw Today in Rebuttal of Hummel

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 19.—By prolonging the cross examination of one of the seven alienists introduced by the defense to testify that Thaw was insane when he killed White, District Attorney Jerome made it impossible for the defense finally to close its case today. When adjournment until tomorrow was finally taken there was pending only the matter of the admission of a letter written by Thaw to J. D. Lyon, a Pittsburg banker, which Delmas said would help to fix the state of Thaw's mind before the roof garden tragedy and there is a likelihood that Evelyn Thaw will be called tomorrow to combat the testimony of Hummel.

Jerome hinted that an important witness for the prosecution might reach the city tonight. The chances, however, that a half day session tomorrow will be sufficient to conclude all the testimony that is to be offered by either side. Adjournment will then be taken.

A MILLION LOSS AT OROVILLE CAL.

Floods in California Valleys Create Havoc with Railroads and Towns—No Trains.

SEVERAL CHINAMAN REPORTED DROWNED

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 19.—Reports tonight show that the waters of the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers are subsiding, but the situation is still regarded as grave. In a few places the levees have broken and the lowlands flooded. A large loss of property has resulted. Many bridges were washed away. Local railway traffic and telegraph service is badly interrupted.

Stockton Flooded and Main Street Is Under Water—Thirteen Southern Pacific Trains Stalled in Sierras.

By Associated Press.

STOCKTON, Cal., March 19.—The town of Oroville is still surrounded by water. The financial loss at Oroville and vicinity is estimated at a million dollars. A number of Chinese are reported to have been drowned. The Southern Pacific situation is unchanged. No trains can go over the Sierra Nevada mountains on account of large landslides which have covered the roadbed to a depth of twenty feet for some distance.

Stockton Flooded

STOCKTON, Cal., March 19.—Stockton was flooded today from an overflow of the two channels that bring freshets from the foothills and at a late hour tonight one section of the city along Main street was under water. It is the greatest wetting the city has experienced since the great flood of 1862, but the water will run off soon.

CHANGE OF VENUE ASKED FOR MOYER

Newspaper Clippings Read to Show that Prejudice Exists Against Defendants

By Associated Press.

BOISE, Idaho, March 19.—The entire time of the district court at Caldwell today with the reading of clippings from newspapers, which the defense in the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone case claim had been read in that county to such an extent as to prejudice public sentiment against the defendants. There was no session of court in the morning, an adjournment being taken, as many wished to attend the funeral of K. Steunenberg, a brother of former Governor Steunenberg. There were 200 clippings attached to the original motion for the change of venue and fifteen to a supplemental motion filed at this term of court.

Most of the clippings attached to the supplemental motion appeared in the Boise Statesman during the campaign last fall. This matter is now being presented to the court as a part of the motion for a change of venue. The reading of the first batch was concluded this afternoon and ninety-nine of the latter were disposed of. The defense announced that they would complete the reading by noon tomorrow, when the affidavits filed in support of the action will be taken up. There are approximately six hundred of these.

TWO SHIPBUILDING PLANTS CLOSE DOWN

By Associated Press.

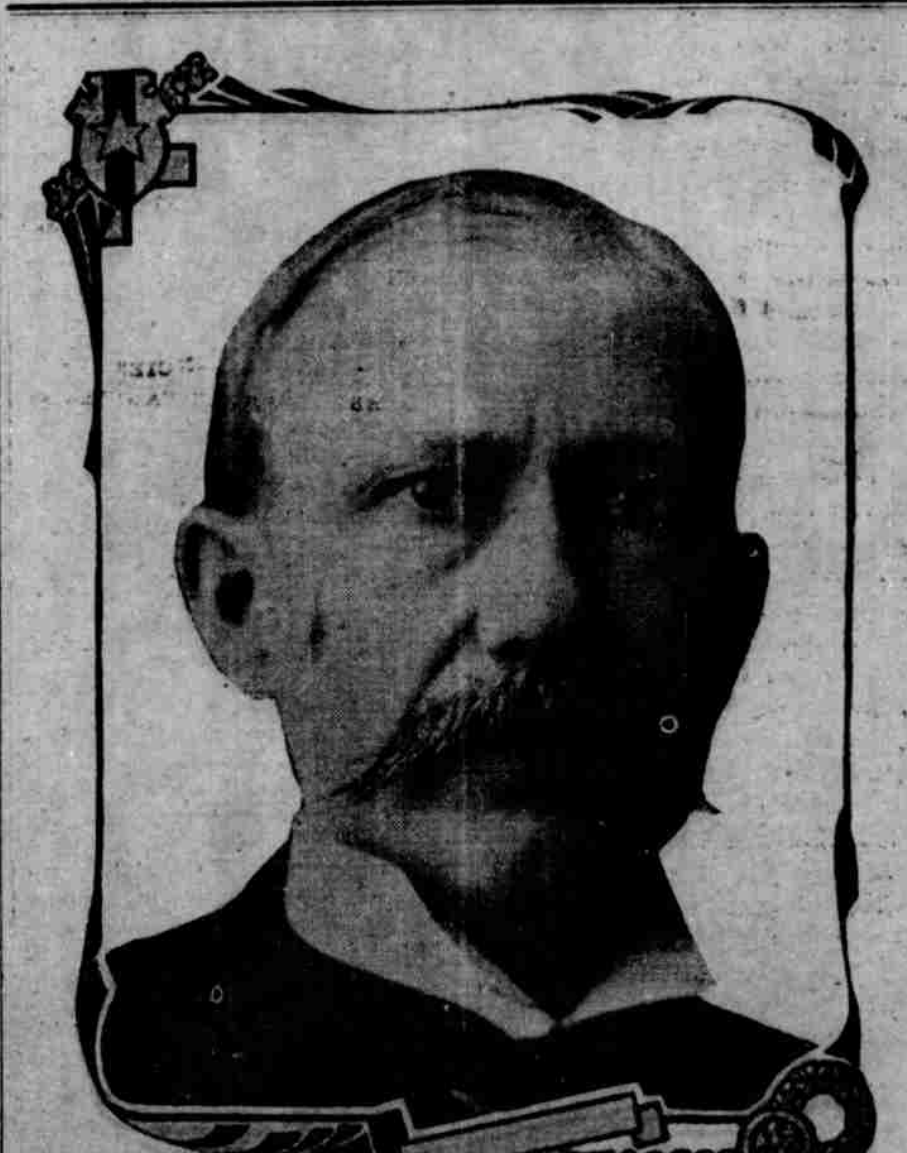
BUFFALO, N. Y., March 19.—Three hundred men employed at the plant of the American Shipbuilding company in this city struck this afternoon.

LORAIN, Ohio, March 19.—The Lorain plant of the American Shipbuilding company closed today as a result of the strike of one hundred fitters.

Noted Author Dead

By Associated Press.

BOSTON, Mass., March 19.—Thomas Bailey Aldrich, the author, died at his home in this city today. He failed to rally from a surgical operation performed a month ago.



RICHARD A. BALLINGER.

Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle, who has been appointed commissioner of the general land office, succeeding William A. Richards of Wyoming, has recently been mayor of Seattle and has served several years as a district judge. He was born in Iowa forty-eight years ago, was educated at Williams college and practiced law in Iowa, Alabama and Chicago before settling in Seattle. His father, it is stated, studied law with Abraham Lincoln. In view of the recent land frauds the position to which Mr. Ballinger has been appointed is highly important just at this time.